(b) The demand and supply for the crude oil and natural gas during the years 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 are as under:—

YEAR	ITEM	DEMAND	SUPPLY
2000-2001(Actual)	Crude Oil (In MMT)	103.10	28.90*
	Natural Gas (In MMSCMD)	118.30	65.20
2001-2002 (Estimated)	Crude Oil (In MMT)	113.50	29.00*
	Natural Gas/ LNG (In MMSCMD)	151.00	70.00

* The balance requirement of crude oil is met by imports.
MMT denotes Million Metric Tonnes
MMSCMD denotes Million Standard Cubic Meters per day.

Credit Facilities to women's self help groups

*237. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to increase the credit facilities to Women's Self Help Groups;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the role of Non-Governmental Organisations to participate in the proposed extension services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) and (b) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has reported that it has planned to increase credit facilities to Self-Help Groups (SHGs) formed by men as well as women. As against 1,49,050 new SHGs provided with bank loan during the year 2000-2001, NABARD has projected a figure of 1,84,400 during the year 2001-2002. Similarly, as against 1,18,568 new SHGs refinanced during the year 2000-2001, NABARD has projected a figure of 1,38,465 during the 2001-2002.

(c) Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) have been actively involved in promotion and capacity building of new SHGs. NGOs act as both facilitators

and Micro-Finance Intermediaries (mFIs). They promote the groups, nurture and train them and then approach banks for bulk loans for onlending to the SHGs.

Expansion of Panipat Refinery Project

*238. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) has decided to hold back the proposed refinery expansion project at Panipat as Haryana Government has refused to give the sales tax and entry tax incentives; and

(b) if not, the present status of the project with the details of the existing capacity and the capacity addition because of the IOC's proposed expansion and the estimated cost of the project?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) and (b) The Panipat refinery expansion project was approved by the Board of Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) in August, 1999. It envisages expansion of the refining capacity from the existing 6 million metric tonnes per annum (MMTPA) to 12 MMTPA at an estimated cost of Rs. 3,365 crore.

Subsequently, Haryana Government has imposed Haryana Local Area Development Tax (HLADT) with effect from 5.5.2000 on various goods entering Haryana State. Impact of HLADT and sales tax incentives on project economics is under review. IOCL has taken up the matter for exemption of HLADT and provision of sales tax incentives with Haryana Government.

The process licensors for various units have been selected. Project management cunsultants have been lined up and basic engineering completed. Environmental clearance has been received on 9.4.2001.

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*239. PROF. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an apparent need for cost effective and reliable technologies with low operational costs and maintenance efforts for rural and remote areas;